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For: MULTILEVEL IMAGE GRID DATA STRUCTURE AND IMAGE SEARCH
METHOD USING THE SAME



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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action
mailed on October 4, 2001 in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-4 without prejudice or disclaimer and substitute amended claims
5-13 as presented below for the same-numbered claims that were pending prior to the filing of
this paper. A marked-up version of the amended claims is attached.

5. (Amended) An image search method, comprising:

determining color similarity between a reference image and a target image, each
of which is represented by hierarchical grid levels; and

searching images based on a content-based query by a user.